

APPROVED: Meeting No. 21-95

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 06-95

January 30, 1995

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession with the Montgomery County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 30, 1995, at 8:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Dorsey

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

ABSENT

Mayor James F. Coyle (on travel)

In attendance: Acting City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and Community Services Director Josephine Roberts.

Re: Worksession with Southern
Christian Leadership
Conference

The Mayor and Council met with President James Moone, and members Christopher Hill, Sterling King, Lorenzo Ricks, and Carver Johnson. Mr. Moone invited the Mayor and Council to visit the Clinton Computer Learning Center (CCLC) on February 2. CCLC has been involved with many positive moves. They are looking to further expand the

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satellite programs located at Rockville churches. CCLC also meets an unmet need by providing computer skills to children who do not have computers in their homes.

Mr. King noted that SCLC has an interest in strengthening areas launched in other areas of the County. As the needs increased, the willingness of citizens to provide support increased, however, the resources are not available. SCLC wants to strengthen the partnership bonds with all.

Mr. Hill said that the CCLC program was more than a partnership; it built citizenship for the future by providing the future taxpayers with the resources to go out and obtain jobs and contribute to society. He noted that many minorities do not have the knowledge of today's computers or access to them. Prior Rockville Mayors and Councils got together with SCLC and developed the Clinton Computer Learning Center. SCLC would like to see the program continue and expand in Rockville and they hope the City of Rockville will continue to fund it.

Councilmember Dorsey noted that at one time, the CCLC program allowed computer-literate persons to upgrade their skills; he asked if this was still available.

Mr. Ricks said the program started out by educating students in elementary school; then in social skills and drug rehab training. He said the program received a \$1,000 grant in 1994 and they are expanding the youth program. SCLC distributed copies of a brochure about the Clinton Computerized Learning Center that explained its mission and the class schedule for the next year. Courses offered include Word Perfect, spread sheets, data entry for

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bookkeeping, DOS, Windows, and typing skills. Mr. Ricks said that data entry classes for bookkeeping were offered to assist students with managing their personal finances and bookkeeping skills which will help them obtain jobs in this field. He noted that approximately 75% of the CCLC students were Rockville residents.

Councilmember Dorsey asked if there was an opportunity for the Center to become self-sufficient. Mr. Ricks explained that SCLC is offering basic courses at no cost and advanced courses for a small fee. Non-Rockville residents are charged approximately \$20.00. The Center is also working with City employees, who offered to serve as class advisors, and with Josephine Roberts, who is assisting in providing outreach to publicize the upcoming classes. A typical course is six weeks. Mr. Moone noted that during the February 2nd visit to the Center, the Mayor and Council would see how the equipment is stored and maintained; the need for other equipment (i.e., lap tops); the need to upgrade existing equipment; and SCLC's desire to bring businesses into the program (primarily to provide jobs and training their employees).

Mr. Hill commented on the County's Private Industry Program (PIC) which in 1994, paid ten youths in the Rockville community to undergo the computer courses at CCLC.

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in worksession with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the worksession adjourned at 9:05 p.m., to convene in Worksession immediately following with Community Ministries of Rockville.